Year	Quantity of Export (In M tones)	Value of export (in Crore Rs.)
2001-02	4303 73	2040.58
2002-03	105980.49	2396.82
2003-04	10146 72	2882.00

(d) For export promotion of rubber products, participation in specialized overseas trade fairs, trade delegations to overseas countries. Buyer-Seller's Meets etc. are supported under the Foreign Trade Policy.

High export potential to Iraq

4335. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great scope and demand for Indian Goods in Iraq;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any initiatives in this regard particularly in relation to export of electrical items, textiles and food items;

(c) if so, the details thereof specifying concessions proposed to be given to boost exports to Iraq; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) There is a good scope and demand for Indian goods including electrical, textile and food items in Iraq. As per available information, the Iraqi businessmen are travelling to India to establish contacts with the Indian companies to source their supplies from them. The number of Iraqi businessmen visiting India has doubled over the previous year and Indian Mission in Baghdad is interacting more with Iraqi business firms, replying to more business inquiries and distributing directorie of Indian exporters in CD form. Similarly, Indian businessmen are using the services of their local representatives and the internet to ascertain the available trade opportunities. The Mission

also circulates the tender notices etc. to the concerned bodies in India for circulating amongst their members.

To boost export to Iraq in future, the Government of India will continue to facilitate interaction between business communities of both countries besides encouraging participation of Iraqi companies in trade fairs/ exhibitions in India. Foreign Trade Policy contains various schemes and policies of Government of India providing incentives to the exporters for promoting exports of all the commodities worldwide, including Iraq.

Import of ferrous scraps

4336. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries from where ferrous scraps are imported by India; and

(b) what preventive provisions are there so that no radioactive scrap is imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN):

(a) The details of the countries from where ferrous scrap was imported by India in the last 5 years given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) After a series of Inter-ministerial consultations, the Government has laid down certain new guidelines and procedures for import of metallic scrap and waste. According to these procedures import of all kinds of metallic scrap and waste in unshredded, compressed or loose form will be accompanied by a pre-shipment inspection certificate to the effect that the imported consignment does not contain any ammunition, or other explosive material or radio-active material irrespective of the source of such imports. Such imports will also be subject to stringent examination according to the procedures laid down by the Customs. Imports will also be restricted through twenty one ports only.